

Maricopa Association of Governments
Human Services Technical Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2005

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ATTENDING

Patrick Tyrrell, City of Chandler, Chairman
*Lorenzo Aguirre, City of El Mirage
Nichole Ayoola, City of Mesa
*Judy Bowden, Mesa United Way
Moises Gallegos, City of Phoenix
Paige Garrett, Glendale Human Services
Council
Jayson Matthews for Kate Hanley, Tempe
Community Council
Carl Harris-Morgan, Town of Gilbert
Connie James, City of Scottsdale
*Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging
Barbara Knox, DES/RSA
Virginia Sturgill for Margarita Leyvas,
Maricopa County
*John Paul Lopez, City of Tolleson
*Joyce Lopez-Powell, VSUW
*Dan Lundberg, City of Surprise
Jose Mercado for Doris Marshall, City of
Phoenix
Kyle Moore, DES/ACYF
Susan Neidlinger, DES/DDD

Sandra Reagan, Southwest Community
Network
Sylvia Sheffield, City of Avondale
*Linda Snidecor, City of Goodyear
Judy Tapscott, City of Tempe
Wayne Tormala, City of Phoenix, Vice Chair
*Margaret Trujillo, Value Options
Neal Young, City of Phoenix

OTHERS PRESENT

William Arnold, SCN
Beth Fiorenza, TCAA
Teresa Franquiz, MAG
DeDe Gaisthea, MAG
Judy Ramos, City of Chandler
Amy St. Peter, MAG

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
+Those members present by audio/videoconferencing.

1. Call to Order
Chairman Patrick Tyrrell, City of Chandler called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and introductions ensued.
2. Call to the Audience
No comments were made.
3. Approval of March 17, 2005 Human Service Technical Committee Minutes
Chairman Tyrrell asked for any revisions to the March 17, 2005 Human Services Technical Committee meeting minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes. Carl Harris- Morgan moved to approve the minutes, Sandy Reagan seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of the April 14, 2005 joint Human Services Technical Committee/Human Services Coordinating Committee Minutes

Chairman Tyrrell asked for any revisions to the strategic planning advance meeting minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes. Susan Neidlinger moved to approve the minutes, Jayson Matthews seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Appointment of New Human Services Technical Committee Chairperson for a One-Year Term of Service

Chairman Tyrrell announced that as of April 2005, he has finished his one-year term as the committee's chairperson. Additionally, the City of Chandler will be appointing a new representative to the Committee and he introduced Judy Ramos, who will be taking over his seat as of June. Mr. Tormala, City of Phoenix, has offered to remain as vice-chair, however as a representative of a municipality that receives SSBG funding, he is ineligible to move into the chair position.

Chairman Tyrrell nominated Carl Harris-Morgan, Town of Gilbert, to take on the position of Chair beginning in June. He asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, he moved to elect Carl Harris-Morgan as the new Chairperson. Sandy Reagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tormala recognized Mr. Tyrrell for his year of service as the committee Chair and thanked him for his efforts. On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Tormala presented him with a small gift. Mr. Tyrrell said that it has been a pleasure to serve on the committee for the past thirteen years and that he has learned a lot from everyone.

5. Human Services Technical and Coordinating Committees' Vision and Mission Statements

Chairman Tyrrell reminded the Committee that one of the three strategic goals identified at the advance last month was to clarify the roles of the HSTC and HSCC and how the two groups could most effectively work together. It was suggested at the advance that an ad hoc working group be formed to clarify these issues. He asked for volunteers from the HSTC, to be joined by volunteers from the HSCC, to serve on this working group. Sandy Reagan, Carl Harris-Morgan, and Jayson Matthews volunteered. MAG staff will arrange a meeting for the three volunteers after participants from HSCC have been identified.

6. Review of Rankings of the 2006-2007 HUD McKinney-Vento Applications

Chairman Tyrrell noted that the MAG Regional Continuum of Care Committee on Homelessness has been working on the annual consolidated application to HUD for McKinney-Vento funding to provide for homeless services. He referred the Committee to a handout that shows the ranking of applicants, as determined by a volunteer rating and ranking committee at the Valley of the Sun United Way. He asked Ms. St. Peter to provide further details.

Ms. St. Peter thanked the fifty applicants who applied for funding this year. Forty-seven were renewal applicants with three new applications. Only one new application could be

selected this year. The one selected was from the Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation (ABC) to provide for countywide permanent housing. Ms. St. Peter noted that ABC would be collaborating with a wide range of partners to implement the project. This year, the Continuum will be requesting over \$20 million. Last year \$19.3 million was requested, the annual amount coming into the region keeps growing. The handout was provided for the Committee's review so that everyone can see the breadth of the programs that receive HUD funding. She asked if there were any questions. Moe Gallegos, City of Phoenix, asked where the increased funding was coming from. Ms. St. Peter clarified that the additional \$1.3 million would be for the new project presented by ABC. She added that most renewals are for only one year, while previously it was possible to apply for two to three year grants. The Continuum has chosen to accept only one-year renewals in order to allow for as much opportunity for new providers as possible.

7. Announcements

Ms. Franquiz announced that the Department of Economic Security would be holding their annual taxonomy review committee meeting on June 8. Some committee members has expressed an interest in attending this meeting. She referred to the agenda that was handed out prior to the meeting and asked that anyone interested in attending let her know, so that she might communicate to DES how many members from the HSTC would be there.

Ms. St. Peter reminded the committee that MAG staff would be developing a Regional Human Services Plan this year, tentatively to be published in January 2006. The Data Working Group will be taking a lead on this project. There will be several focus groups conducted over the summer in order to provide input into the planning process. She referred the Committee to a rough draft of the timeline that would be followed. Generally speaking, the research for the Plan will be conducted in June and July, with most of the writing taking place in August. She noted that this process would provide a good opportunity to focus on the needs in the communities, as well as the resources. She asked if anyone is interested in getting involved, to please let staff know.

8. Breakout Session

Chairman Tyrrell reminded the Committee that the Data Working Group would now move into the Palo Verde room, while Aging Services would remain in the Cholla room. He asked everyone to take a short break.

9. Adjourn

The next meeting of the Human Services Technical Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2005 from 1:00p.m. - 3:00pm at the MAG Offices. The two working groups will meet following the full Committee meeting.